കുന്നതാണെന്നുമുള്ള ഒരു ഉദ്ദേശം കൂടി ഇതിൽ അന്തർവഹിച്ചുകിടക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഈ പ്രമേയം വളരെ കൺസ്ട്രക്ടീവായ ഒരു പ്രൊപ്പോസലാണെന്നും എനിയ്ക്കു് വളരെ ബോദ്ധ്യമുണ്ടു്. ആ സ്ഥിതിയ്ക്കു് ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി ദയവായി എന്തെങ്കിലുമൊന്നു് ആലോചിച്ചു് ഇതിൽ സ്വല്പം വല്ല മാറ്റങ്ങൾ വരുത്തിയിട്ടെങ്കിലും ഗവൺമെന്റിനു വലിയ വിരോധമൊന്നും കൂടാതെ കുറച്ചുകൂടി കൂടി അകത്തേക്കു കടക്കുവാനുള്ള ഒരു മാർഗ്ഗം ഉണ്ടാക്കിയാൽ കൊള്ളാമെന്നു് ഞാൻ ഒന്നുകൂടി ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനോടു് അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു. ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ മനഃസ്ഥിതി ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ എന്താണെന്നറിയുവാൻവേണ്ടി ഇതു വോട്ടിനിട്ടു് ഞങ്ങളുടെ ശക്തി മുഴുവൻ ഇപ്പോൾ പ്രയോഗിക്കുവാൻ തയ്യാറില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ ജാജ്ജു ചാകുമറി.—വളരെ ഉചകാരം.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.—ഇതിന്റെ എതിർപ്പിനെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള വിചാരമോ ഭയമോ എനിക്കു ലേശമില്ല. എതിർക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ പോരം എടുക്കുകതന്നെ. പിന്നെ എന്താണു ഭയം? വിഷയത്തിനു് ശക്തിയുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഞങ്ങളും ജയിക്കും. അല്ലെങ്കിൽ കൊയൻസിലിന്റെ വോട്ടിനു വിലയില്ല. തോറ്റാലും ജയിച്ചാലും ശരി. ആ കാര്യത്തിൽ എനിക്കു ഭയമില്ല. തൊഴിലില്ലായ്മ എന്ന ഒരു പ്രോബ്ലം വളരെ ഗൌരവമായ ഒന്നാണു്. ഇതു് വോട്ടിനിടുകയാണെങ്കിൽ മറ്റു് ഒരു പ്രമേയം വോട്ടിനിട്ടതുപോലെയാകും അതിനാൽ ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് ഈ വിഷയത്തെക്കുറിച്ചു് വളരെ ഗൌരവമായി ആലോചിക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നു് അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു് ഞാൻ ഇതിനെ പിൻവലിക്കുവാൻ അനുവാദം ചോദിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Resolution was, with leave, withdrawn.

Amount sanctioned for Rural Uplift—70% to be allotted for Panchayat Department.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—The resolution standing in my name runs thus.—

This Council recommends to the Government that at least 70 per cent of the amount, sanctioned for rural uplift in honour of the visit of Their Excellencies, The Earl and the Countess of Willingdon, be allotted to the Panchayat Department to be spent on rural communications, chiras, tanks and wells.

Sir, in moving this resolution, I beg to express first of all my thanks to His Gracious Highness, Our Maharaja for having appreciated the difficulties of the rural people and come to their aid with a lakh of rupees. I am aware that this one lakh of rupees will not go a long way in solving this rural depression. Still half a loaf is better than none and therefore at this time, especially in these days of depression, this one lakh of rupees will

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be appreciated very much by the rural folk of our country. Now this amount has been sanctioned for rural uplift and I maintain that most of the work in connection with rural uplift has to be done through the Panchayat Department. And therefore it is only reasonable that this amount should be allotted for that department to be spent on certain necessaries of village life. Very often on the floor of this House we have again and again tried to bring home to the Government the difficult position of our agriculturists in respect of rural communication, in respect of facilities for bathing and in various other respects regarding the amenities of life. They are woefully situated. We may be better of in many of these respects than other parts of India. But that is rather a poor consolation and on these occasions when we have made any pleading on this floor of the House the invariable answer 'was want of funds'. How His Gracious Highness has given us some solution at least to some partial extent and we are glad some of those measures for which we have been requesting very often on the floor of this House may be taken up successfully and the argument of want of funds would not be pleaded.

If we read the Panchayat Regulation especially that part of it referring to the aims and objects we shall see that the scope of that department is very wide embracing as it does all the activities connected with rural uplift, and hence it is that I have recommended or rather suggested in this resolution that 70 per cent at least of the amount should be allotted to that department. I might have even suggested that the whole of this amount should be spent through the department but laterally the Sanitation at least in some of these towns or the minor towns have been given to another department and the sanitation in these minor towns also may be regarded as one of the items of rural uplift. Therefore the amount has to be divided between the two departments and seeing that the main part of the work is through the Panchayat department I have suggested that the main portion of it should be allotted to that department. I have not got much to say because I do not think there can be much difference of opinion in this matter because we are all agreed that the work in the villages are to be done and are being done under the guidance of the various Panchayats and will also continue to be done through the agency of these various Panchayats.

There was a time in India when everything useful for villages was done through the Village Panchayats. This sort of village organizations is gaining more and more strength in India. In view of this fact also we have to do a good deal in making our Panchayats of much more life and a more vigorous life of village existence and I am sure this allotment of 70 per cent of this amount will do something towards that consummation of these things.

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I only wish to add one thing more. In spending such large amounts, as was suggested on the floor of this House on a previous occasion, the persons concerned will do well to have some sort of constructive programme before them and not spend this amount on the first thing that come uppermost in their minds. With this suggestion and with the firm conviction that this resolution will appeal to all the Hon'ble Members of this House officials and non-officials, I commend it to the kind acceptance of this House.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Sir, I second the resolution. On a point of information, may, I know whether any scheme has been formulated for spending this lakh of rupees?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Schemes have been formulated and they have been sanctioned also.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—May I know what those are?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.— Sir, this resolution aims at meeting the demands very often made on the floor of this House and by the public at large, that we must spend more on rural communications, canals, tanks, wells and the like which go far to satisfy the rural amenities. This cry has been persistently raised on the floor of this House by every member on behalf of his respective constituency. We have been trying to meet this demand as much as possible from our general budgets and such requirements may still have to wait for our provisions in the annual budget. This one lakh of rupees which has been set apart by His Highness as a gracious donation for rural uplift is not meant for taking up works of the nature enumerated in this resolution, nor for purposes that proposed in resolutions of a similar kind that come subsequently, that is, for Veterinary aid, Panchayat Vydasalas and things of that kind. This is intended for working out comprehensive schemes of rural welfare as are being worked out in very many parts of India. There is the Gurgaon Scheme for example which is being worked out in the Punjab under Mr. Brayne who is the Commissioner of Rural Welfare in the Punjab. He has worked out a scheme comprising all the amenities of the villager, that is, his sanitation, his education, his amusements, his industries, marketting and child and maternity welfare. All these fall within the scheme worked out by Mr. Brayne and this scheme is also being tried in modified forms elsewhere in India with wonderful results. The idea in sanctioning a sum of one lakh of rupees is that we must also make some such attempts in our State so that we may work out some centres where all the activities of the villager can be centred and the villager may be taught how his living could be bettered, how his purchasing and selling activities can be improved and how his education can be so altered as to suit his daily requirements in the village. For this purpose, half of this sum has been

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granted and another 50 thousand has been set apart for opening child and maternity welfare centres. This is how the amount is proposed to be spent by the Government and rough details of the scheme have been submitted. Detailed proposals are being prepared.

Mr. George Chakyamuri—Sir, on a point of information, may I know under whom is this scheme to be worked out?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—As now proposed the scheme of child and maternity welfare is to be worked out by the Director of Public Health and Rural Welfare Centres are to be worked out by the Registrar of Village Panchayats.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Does this child and maternity welfare work include the Municipal areas also?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—No. Not at present as I understand.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—As far as the working of the scheme regarding rural uplift through the Panchayat Registrar, may I know whether proposals have been submitted?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I have submitted a rough outline of the scheme. The details are yet to be worked out.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Are we to understand that this amount is to be utilised for experiments?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—For practical rural reconstruction.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Sir, I am very glad that something, though not to the full extent suggested by the resolution has been done by the Government.—Though perhaps not on the particular requirements which I have mentioned in my resolution, still requirements which would come akin to that. For instance, I understand in this welfare scheme at least in the selected areas, tanks, wells and communications will be effected in addition to also schools, industrial schools, primary schools and things of that sort. The whole amount is to be spent under the direction of the Panchayat Department and the Health Department. I do not know whether any definite proposals or any final proposals have been made with reference to the Health Department but we understand from the Registrar now that so far as the Panchayat Department is concerned certain rough proposals have been made and that his proposals have not taken their final shape. Especially in the matter of rural reconstruction generally it would seem that we are only just beginning and in giving any reply to the discussion my purpose is only once again to emphasise the point I suggested in my opening speech that the Director and the Panchayat Registrar will do well to have some comprehensive scheme. He was referring to the model of the Punjab where the scheme has been properly worked. I am afraid very often we do not find actual realities behind the paper reports. I shall quote one instance. There was very much

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talk about the Ramanathapuram scheme. I had a chance to go there in company with a prince of the Ruling family and we found that there was not even 25 per cent of what was reported. In paper there was a great clamour, but in reality there was very little. If we formulate any scheme based upon paper reports perhaps we will come to grief. We must have first-hand information and study on the spot, before they embark upon things of which they hear so much in the Press. In the case of child welfare work and also in the case of rural reconstruction work, these officers will do well not to rely on paper. They must have first-hand knowledge before they formulate any definite scheme, so that the money presented by His Highness may not be wasted on their whimsies and fancies. With this humble suggestion, I beg leave of the House to withdraw my resolution.

Resolution was, with leave, withdrawn

Amount sanctioned for Medical Relief—to be set apart for Ayurvedic Department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Before moving the resolution I should like to know from the Government whether a similar division as is now stated to have been effected with regard to the one lakh of rupees has already been effected with regard to this three lakhs of rupees. In that case there is no point in moving my resolution.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—A scheme was submitted to the Government and orders have not yet been passed. The proposal at present is to improve the existing institutions in the State.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Ayurvedic institutions?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Have orders been passed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Though formal orders have not been passed it is more or less decided to accept the proposal.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—But before orders are passed there was an understanding that we will be given a chance to discuss the question.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The amount has been put under non-votable head.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is not a question of votable or non-votable. We cannot reduce the grant if it is non-votable. Non-votable does not mean that it is a non-discussable subject.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think there was any definite undertaking that it will be placed for discussion. I said so once but then I corrected myself and said that it is to be

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